Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* May I know, Sir, whether all the members of the Nemmara Council voted for the present candidate?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Four of them did not vote. The rest voted unanimously for Mr. Viswanathan Chettiar and he was nominated there. They said they cannot vote, because they were not given previous information and that they wanted to consult to record their vote. I do not know whom to consult to record a vote. *(Laughter).*

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Is there any power given to the Minister to compel them to vote for a particular candidate?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No, Sir. Let me explain. From my bitter experience in this Council I thought the best course would be to ascertain the views of the members themselves before nomination is made.

Mr. President: Now you find that even that is not a protection. *(Laughter).*

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I was led to know that there were two candidates who got the same number of votes in Kunnamkulam and that the Minister nominated one of them. Here it is stated that the principle of election is followed.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* As far as my information goes, you first supported him and then turned and supported the second candidate and a split was brought about.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* No. No. *(Laughter).*

HEALTH CENTRES—JURISDICTION OF

153. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state the respective areas of jurisdiction of the two Health Centres now existing?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are no Health Centres now.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, when the Health Centres at Irinjalakkuda and Trippunittura were abolished? My information is that even now they are working.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The buildings are there. But no activities of Health Centres are carried on there.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I do not find from the gazette when these were abolished.

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Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* They were abolished towards the end of the last year, and two of the Doctors of these Centres are now looking after the work of the Health Centres. Two other Doctors who were in charge there are now the supervising officers of the work of the Health Visitors. There are a number of Health Visitors appointed and they are supervising the work of the Health Visitors by going about the places. They are also supervising the work of the midwives.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know who these Health Visitors are? I was under the impression that these Health Visitors were a part of the Health Centres. But now it is stated that the Centres were abolished while the Visitors continue. Is that the Hon'ble Minister's contention?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* So the Visitors continue without Centres? *(Laughter).*

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, what is the trouble?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* There is no trouble. *(Laughter).* Everybody knows that.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Because you don't understand, you say something.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* That is why I asked a question. May I know what exactly the functions of these Centres are?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* When a proper question is put I can understand. What is passing in your mind, I cannot understand. I have not got that divine vision. *(Laughter).*

Their business is to see that the midwives appointed are doing their work properly and render them all help.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* What was the original work assigned to the Health Centres?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Their work was in the nature of health clinics. That is they will give advice to those ladies who think that they require any advice. They go to these places and receive instructions. But it so happens that in many cases these ladies have given birth to 5 or 6 children and these Health Visitors are most of them unmarried ladies. *(Laughter).* Therefore we thought that this sort of information will not be of much use to them. A large sum of

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money used to be spent on this and that money is now utilised for appointing a number of midwives all over the State.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know what happened to the establishment of Health Centre at Irinjalakkuda? I think, the establishment still continues.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* No. You are entirely mistaken. It is not continuing. I was there 10 days ago.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what became of the Doctors in charge of the Health Centres at Kunnamkulam and Nemmara when those centres were abolished?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* They are doing this sort of work. The State is divided into two sections instead of four.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the Government have not realised that the work of the officers in charge of the northern part of the State is much more than the work allotted to the officers in charge of the southern part—I mean the area covered?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We are thinking of dividing almost equally. The proposals are before the Government and we are taking certain other aspects also into consideration. We will do equal division.

Mr. President: The health work really consists of two organisations under one of which the Health Visitors and midwives visit the people privately and the other in which the private people visit the Health Centres. One aspect of that practice is abolished. Instead of people going to the Centres more midwives are appointed to go to the people and give them advice in their houses.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS NEWLY OPENED—RECOGNITION AND GRANT

154. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to mention,—

(*a*) the names of Industrial Schools opened in the State in the last two years;

(*b*) the names of those which are given recognition;

(*c*) whether recognition is granted by the Director of Industries and Commerce; and if not,

(*d*) whether it is the Minister for Rural Development that gives recognition to Industrial Schools?

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